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**REQUEST FOR TELEPHONIC HEARING**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Hearing dated May 13, 2009 and scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., Appellants hereby request a telephonic hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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